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Reports of the regional forums on sustainable development

Note by the Secretariat

1. The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012 recognized how regional frameworks can complement and facilitate the effective translation of sustainable development policies into concrete action at the national level. It emphasized that regional and subregional organizations, including the regional commissions and their subregional offices, play a significant role in promoting balanced integration and operationalization of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development in their respective regions.

2. In July 2013, the General Assembly adopted resolution 67/290 on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum. Pursuant to the resolution Member States have continued to acknowledge the importance of the regional dimension of sustainable development. They have invited the regional commissions to contribute to the work of the forum, including through annual regional meetings, with the involvement of other relevant regional entities, major groups and other relevant stakeholders as appropriate.

3. During its sixty-ninth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 69/214, in which it again acknowledged the importance of regional input to the work of the high-level political forum.

4. In response to the above-mentioned mandates, the regional commissions, in collaboration with their partners including the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, have been building on the regional implementation meetings that had been organized in the context of the Commission on Sustainable Development,[1] and holding regional forums on sustainable development.[2] The following forums have been or will be held in 2015:

[1] A detailed account of the consultations and their outcomes is available from https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/csd.html.

[2] The input to the 2014 session of the high-level political forum convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council is available from https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2014#regional.

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(a) Latin America and the Caribbean, in New York, on 19 and 20 March;

(b) Europe and North America, in Geneva, from 14 to 16 April;

(c) Western Asia, in Manama, from 5 to 7 May;

(d) Asia and the Pacific, in Bangkok, on 21 and 22 May;

(e) Africa, in Addis Ababa, from 16 to 18 June.

5. The reports of the regional forums may also inform the discussions held in the context of the annual ministerial review, as appropriate.

6. The reports of the regional forums are contained in the documents listed below:

(a) Latin America and the Caribbean: E/HLPF/2015/3/Add.1;

(b) Europe and North America: E/HLPF/2015/3/Add.2;

(c) Western Asia: E/HLPF/2015/3/Add.3;

(d) Asia and the Pacific: E/HLPF/2015/3/Add.4;

(e) Africa: E/HLPF/2015/3/Add.5.